

Base Sustainability & Community Affairs Meeting

Goldsboro City Hall, NC

April 15, 2015

10:00 AM

Members in Attendance:

Bob Dickerson, Committee Chair (Commissioner)
Frank Bottorff, Committee Vice Chair (Commissioner)
Sonny Roberts (Commissioner)
Joe Marm (Commissioner)
Paul Dordal (Commissioner)
Will Lewis (Commission Ex-Officio)
Joe Peel (Commission Ex-Officio)
Sebastian Montagne (Commission Ex-Officio)
Robert Hosford (Commission Ex-Officio) (on the telephone)
Bryan Gossage (Commission Ex-Officio)

Others in Attendance:

Cornell Wilson Jr.
Hugh Overholt
Jim McClesky
James Norment
Ron Massey (on the telephone)

Review of previous minute meetings:

Motion to approve the minutes- **Approved unanimously with no discussion**

Transportation Report:

Sebastian Montagne, NCDOT:

Talked with each of the installations to discuss on base needs and the possibility of using state funds (direct appropriations or funds from a public bond). NCDOT has a list of the input from each of the installations, but we will need to work through the mechanics of how to make this happen from both a state perspective, as well of what authorizes the state to provide funding to installations. Most state agencies are prohibited from providing state funds to maintain or build on non-state property. There is also some concerns if it is legal for installations to accept funds or services from the state for a specific purpose.

NCDOT has completed an assessment of off post needs for the military both strategically and for the families of service members. A new formula that weights military

strategic needs, then family needs, is being considered. This will place these projects on a higher priority.

Ron Massey – Jacksonville’s Mayor and City Manager met with the rail division of NCDOT in regards to the rail line that goes from Camp Lejeune into Havelock, then connects in to the

The City of Jacksonville wants to move forward with study of the rail line that goes into Camp Lejeune, and from that study the possibility for projects under the Strategic Transportation Initiative (STI). This could also be a huge economic tool for the

Sebastian Montagne, DOT - Sebastian will follow-up on NCDOT rail plan.

Purposed language for the General Assembly to change the statues to allow installations to partner with state agencies.

- The first recommendation is an agreement between the state and transportation/infrastructure.
- The second recommendation is the Local municipalities can act as agents between the state and installations.

NCDOT has a 10 year plan, every 2 years a transportation improvement plan is formed, anticipated completion of the project 2026-2028.

Gen. Wilson – Update: Transportation Bond 1 billion dollars, Infrastructure Bond which includes state constructions and military which is 100 million dollars, these bonds will be introduced to the General Assembly. The Governor is pushing the bonds because they are needed.

Sentinel landscapes

Robert Hosford - DOD RPEI Ready Protection and Environmental Integration Program put out a RFP project for \$8 million dollars. The money will be funneled through NC Department of Agriculture (ADFP) program. The proposal is a \$1 to \$1 match. Once the map is put out by DOD, 38 counties in are a part of the instillation (combined mission footprints of North Carolina base military operations). The acting partners consist of North Carolina Department of Agriculture, Salt Water Conservation districts, NC State University, NC State Forestry service, NC Department of Commerce, Natural Resource Conservation Service, Bomb Service agency, Wildlife Resources Commission, Conservation Fund, NC Military Affairs Commission, and NC Farm Bureau.

If the award is approved, the matching grant will make North Carolina a Sentinel landscape

Hoffman Forest

Hoffman forest is used for air space but not for boots on ground

- Maintain the value of Hoffman Forest and Military Training area – High Priority

PEDRO

Frank Bottorff - PEDRO is assigned to the MCAS Cherry Point a sub-unit that are very active in the marine corps, navy, and air force. A letter has been formed by Eastern North Carolina

to the appropriations committee to include the language to provide assurance that the units will not be disbanded.

- A recommendation letter in support will get submitted to the Governor in regards to keeping PEDRO in Cherry Point or maintain the mission or a process that the mission will get met. A draft will get composed, reviewed, a forwarded at a later

Coordination of Transportation issues Infrastructure – Active

Meeting Adjourned: